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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on April 13, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, K. Aylwin at 10:04 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor A. Kungl
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
E. vanWesenbeeck
J. Northcote
M. Kavanagh
K. Patterson-McGrath
W. Steimle

Absent: 2 - S. Diaz - SMDHU
T. Searls

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Infrastructure Planning Engineer, B. Gratrix
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Bradley
Supervisor of Urban Forestry and Natural Areas Stewardship, K. Rankin
Transit Operations Planner, M. McConnell.

ALSO PRESENT:
G. Wilson, Firebird Community Cycle
G. Poisson, Firebird Community Cycle.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE

Grant Wilson and Geri Poisson of Firebird Community Cycle provided an overview on the Firebird Community Cycle, a not-for-profit bicycle repair shop. He advised that the Firebird Community Cycle would like to partner with the City to provide bicycle repair stations at City facilities and community centres and Barrie Go Train Stations. Mr. Wilson further advised that Firebird will be applying for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative grant program to fund the bicycle repair stations and to provide bike repair tutorials. He inquired about the City possibly providing a letter of support to be submitted with their application in June, 2021. Mr. Wilson noted they are hoping to have the bicycle stations in place for summer, 2022.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Poisson and received responses.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

RECOMMENDATION(S):

SUPPORT FOR THE FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE APPLICATION TO THE HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITATIVES

1. That staff in the Corporate Facilities and Recreation and Culture Services Departments investigate the feasibility of supporting Firebird Community Cycle, a not-for-profit bicycle repair shop, in their application to the Healthy Communities Initiative grant for bicycle repair stations at City facilities and community centres and report back to General Committee by the end of May of 2021.

2. That, as part of the investigation, staff engage with Metrolinx to facilitate the possibility of bicycle repair stations at the Barrie Go Train Station locations.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/13/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

BRADFORD BY-PASS IMPACTS

Al McNair, Nature Barrie provided an overview concerning the potential environmental impacts as a result of the Bradford By-pass. He discussed the possibility affects to Lake Simcoe and its importance to the City's economy. Mr. McNair advised on the amount of growth the lake can sustain, the salt and phosphorus levels that are not declining despite costs and efforts, and the increasing population.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

REQUEST FOR COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT - PROPOSED BRADFORD BY-PASS

1. That, due to the potential negative impacts on Lake Simcoe the City of Barrie request that the Government of Canada conduct a comprehensive federal environmental impact assessment of the proposed Bradford By-pass and make the results available to the public.

2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Provincial Minister of Transportation, Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and all local MPPs and MPs.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/13/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

CONVERSATION ABOUT VISION ZERO

Councillor, A.M. Kungl provided some background context on Vision Zero. Previous discussions were mentioned about whether or not things like Vision Zero would be considered, when referring to the website which is tied to the workplan.

Brett Gratrix, Infrastructure Planning Engineer mentioned they are working with the Ontario Traffic Council and other municipalities to develop a Vision Zero Policy. He noted that it is anticipated to be wrapped up by the first quarter of 2022 and possibly used as guidelines for municipalities to use to develop a Vision Zero plan.

The Committee asked a number of questions to Mr. Gratrix about a Vision Zero Policy that included budget information and pedestrian safety.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "F"

DEVELOPMENT OF A VISION ZERO POLICY AND TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY UPDATE

That staff in the Development Services Department submit an intake form as part of the 2022 Business Plan and budget process for the development of a Vision Zero Policy and a Traffic Calming Policy update.

This matter was recommended (Section "F") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 4/13/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "G"

NATURALIZATION OF CROMPTON PARK SUBCOMMITTEE

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

POLLINATOR GARDENS ON BUS STOPS

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REVIEW - URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY WEBPAGE

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

Item was deferred to the next meeting.

REDUCTION AND PHASEOUT OF 2-CYCLE MAINTENANCE CITY EQUIPMENT; USE OF ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, DEVELOP AND ESTABLISH LANDSCAPE AND MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES

Kelly Patterson McGrath provided a presentation concerning the 2-Cycle Engine Reduction.

Ms. Patterson McGrath discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Impacts of 2-Cycle;
- Alignment with current Community GHG Reduction Plan;
  - Report on Reducing Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Emission Footprint through Utilizing Electric Small Equipment; and
  - Ideas for Reduction of Use.
- Education - Engagement;
- Funding Opportunities; and
- Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

CHAIRMAN